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AGENDA ITEM #5
June 9, 2020
Discussion

SUBJECT

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update (County Council sitting as the Board of Health)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Dr. Travis Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief of DHHS Public Health Services
Dr. Earl Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Council sitting as Board of Health to receive updates.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update on the public health data and emergency response to the COVID-19 public emergency from Dr. Gayles and Dr. Stoddard.

The following is data from the Maryland.gov website on June 7, 2020:

STATEWIDE DATA	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	Change June 1-7
Confirmed Positive Cases	53,327	54,175	54,982	55,858	56,770	57,482	57,973	4,646
Total Confirmed Deaths	2,431	2,474	2,519	2,546	2,580	2,616	2,625	194
Probable Deaths	121	123	122	122	122	124	124	3

COUNTY DATA	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	Change June 1-7
Confirmed Positive Cases	11,476	11,731	11,924	12,226	12,434	12,624	12,734	1,258
Total Confirmed Deaths	576	584	593	596	606	614	617	41
Probable Deaths	40	40	40	40	39	38	39	-1

The following data is from the Montgomery County website as of June 5, 2020:

CASES MoCo	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	366	294.1	343	287.8	709	291.0
18-49	3127	1469.5	3112	1405.9	6239	1437.0
50-64	1440	1444.2	1339	1207.9	2779	1319.8
65+	1099	1679.0	1428	1653.7	2527	1664.6
TOTAL	6032	1200.7	6222	1157.1	12254	1178.1

DEATHS MoCo	Male	Male	Female	Female	Total	Total
Age Group	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
0-17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18-49	23	10.8	7	3.2	30	6.9
50-64	57	57.2	14	12.6	71	33.7
65+	240	366.7	265	306.9	505	332.7
TOTAL	320	63.7	286	53.2	606	58.3

MoCo Deaths	Count	Rate
White (NH)	289	64
Black (NH)	147	76.4
Asian (NH)	55	34.1
Hispanic	94	45.4
Other	21	NA
TOTAL	606	58.2

Montgomery County Metrics

Montgomery County has adopted the following metrics that will be used to determine when it is safe to move to different phases of reopening businesses and other activities.

1. A sustained decrease of new cases during a 14-day period in an environment of increased testing.
2. A sustained decrease in the number of COVID-19 related daily deaths.
3. A sustained decrease in the COVID-19 related hospitalizations.
4. A sustained decrease in COVID-19 related ICU hospitalizations.
5. A sustained decrease in the number of COVID-19 related patients going to County emergency rooms.
6. A sustained daily acute care bed utilization rate of 70% or less of total acute care bed space.
7. A sustained daily Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed utilization rate of 80% or less of ICU bed space.
8. A sustained daily rate of 70% or less of critical care equipment, such as ventilators.
9. A sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.

10. An increased testing capacity to be able to test 5% of residents on a monthly basis.

Except for achieving declining cases and use of 70% or less of acute care bed space, the County has met these metrics for 14 of 14 days using a 3-day rolling average.

In addition, the County has stated the following as additional goals that should be achieved:

- Testing networks in place to offer high throughput testing.
- Leverage health care network to provide testing to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- Accessible testing options available across the County utilizing a diverse network of options, including health care providers, alternative test sites, mobile testing units, etc.
- Sustained flattening or decrease in test positivity.
- Continuing current efforts and partnering with the State on a state-driven, large-scale contact tracing effort that will allow for contacting cases within 24 hours upon receipt of results and identified contacts within 48 hours.
- Compiling and using data by race, gender, age, geographic location to inform policy decisions related to health outcomes.
- Ability to disseminate information, programming, and policies that address the impact of social determinants of health on Covid-19 outcomes.

COVID-19 Background (from Maryland.gov)

COVID-19 is a disease caused by a respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 is a new virus that hasn't caused illness in humans before. Worldwide, COVID-19 has resulted in thousands of infections, causing illness and in some cases death. Cases have spread to countries throughout the world, with more cases reported daily.

COVID-19 is thought to be able to spread like the cold or flu through:

Coughing and sneezing, which creates respiratory droplets

Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands

Touching an object or surface with the virus on it

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever

Coughing

Shortness of breath; in more severe cases, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)

Link to County Website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/Coronavirus.html>

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The Board of Health is continuing its regular briefings on the status of cases in Montgomery County and ongoing coordination and collaboration with federal, State, and local agencies and healthcare providers.

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